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ABSTRACT

A specific legal model that would provide educational choice, called the "Scholarship Initiative," is cast in the form of a state constitutional amendment. The Scholarship Initiative provides a basic framework and point of reference for a legislative debate. Existing public and private schools could be converted into "public scholarship" and "private scholarship" schools. New schools could be started and operated as scholarship schools by either public or private organizers. Chapter 1 presents the initiative in legal format. The next four chapters discuss how it is expected to function. Chapter 6 addresses scholarship proposals in the states of Oregon, California, and Pennsylvania that contrast sharply with the Scholarship Initiative. Chapter 7 emphasizes programs actually existing in Milwaukee (Wisconsin), Minneapolis (Minnesota), and Indianapolis (Indiana). Chapter 8 discusses a plan proposed in Kansas City (Kansas), and another introduced in Utah in the form of federal legislation. The proposal closes with a focused plan for children in low-income families. Notes are appended to each chapter. (MLF)

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